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2. Uranium Drilling in Slovakia

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1. A large plant is under construction close to Senica camp. Work on this so-called "Kernaprojekt" was started in July 1954. A cement factory was said to be involved. Since no lime plant is available in the neighborhood and no other factories point to the construction of a cement plant, it was supposed that in fact a machine upgrading plant may be involved.
2. The plant area, which extended some 2.5 kilometers in an easterly direction between Senica and Salkova, has been granted. A road and water ducts are under construction. A settlement, a convict camp, and a mine house have been completed south of Senica. A high-voltage line and a temporary transformer station have also been erected. Two water tanks of 10,000 and 10,000 liters capacity have been erected north of the plant area. The projected pumping station will supply water from the Teon river. The water is to be fed back to the river after having passed the projected purification plant and two sludge ponds. The old Senica - Brezno road which presently traverses the plant area is to be abandoned and to be replaced by a new road now to the south. The construction plan also included the construction of a shunting station with 12 tracks, a new station at Salkova, and a freight station area with 7 tracks near the station.
3. The plant is scheduled for completion in 1960. The work force is expected to amount to 3,000 to 4,000 persons.

Personnel

40. Oberingenieur Iseller (fnu) was chief of the construction program. He was charged with sabotage and arrested in March 1955. SIP-poruch(Lt.) Zelenka (fnu) was chief of the technical office. About 900 convicts including some 124 Germans were detained in Sandus camp. Some of the convicts worked at a construction project in Lupac. At "Keransproekt", 2 daily shifts were worked between 0600 and 1400 hours and 1400 and 2000 hours respectively. In addition, so-called "internal assignments" were performed. The work of the "SIP" was also

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Uranium Drilling Activities

5. During the period between July and December 1954, some 15 persons were observed performing drilling work north and northwest of the construction area. Under the supervision of 3 civilian-clad Soviet geologists, exploratory drillings were carried down to depths of between 28 and 60 meters. The work was performed with the help of "Grelliusapparate" Geiger counters, electric core drills and hand drills. The cores extracted were shipped out in small wooden boxes by trucks. One of the convicts disclosed that satisfactory drillings had been performed in this area as early as 1952. Drillings were also carried out in the Uherske Hradiste (Ungarisch Hradisch) area and allegedly gave satisfactory results. 25X1

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Comment: The construction of a large cement factory near Banska Bystrica has been confirmed. The projected cableway to the quarry indicates that a cement factory is involved. No indications are available pointing to the construction of a uranium upgrading plant. 25X1

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Number	Designation	Status	Size	Remarks
1	Location of Sonica			
2	Convict camp	completed		
3	Settlement of civilian workers	completed	11x15 m	
	a. Department store			
	b. Central kitchen, mess hall, workers home, library			
	c. 6 dwellings (empty)			
	d. Construction management (empty)			
	e. Guard house (24 STP men)			
	f. Technical and accounting office (12 employees)			
	g. Hospital (fully equipped, operated by a convict physician)			
	h. Engineering office (empty)			
4	Boiler house	projected	50x25 m	
5	Workshops	projected		
6	Administration building	projected		
7	Fire house	completed	10x20	
8	Depot	projected		
9	Engine house	projected		
10	Main workshop	projected		Deep foundations. To accommodate crushers, mills, sorting plant and washing plant.
11	missing			
12	Administration building	projected		Three-story concrete structure with numerous windows. To accommodate management and administration as well as the militia.

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Number	Designation	Status	Size	Description
13	Culture house and outpatient department	projected		large three story concrete structure
14	Laboratory	projected		Two-story concrete structure
15	Sack filling station	projected		Single-story building
16	Silo station	projected		To consist of 20 x 11 meter high concrete and sheet metal silos
17	Freight car balance	projected		
18	Water tank	completed		10,000-liter iron tank fed by a lined well yielding 70 liters of water per minute. water runs to settlement and convict camp completed.
19	Water tank	under construction		20,000-liter iron tank
20	Field transformer station	completed		Incoming high-voltage line from Paska District. Outgoing three-phase 380 V line to convict camp.
21	Cableway	projected		Allegedly extending 1 x 12 kilometers in a northwesterly direction to a quarry in the hills. According to a foreign source 50 trained quarrymen will be transferred from Jachymov. All of them are serving long-term sentences. Two wooden buildings are expected to be erected in the quarry.
22	Water purification plant and pumping station	projected		Large single-story building. Water taken from the Arava river will be fed back into the river after having passed the plant ponds.
23	Junction rails	excavating work completed		
24	House and STP athletic field	completed	80x60x14	Two-storied, L-shaped building with ornate gable roof

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Number	Designation	Status	Size	Description
A	Old road			Still in use but no improvements made
B	New road	under construction		Parade road from Brezovo to Ljanka hydraulic dam bridges over stream both completed
C	Pipeline to purification plant	completed		ceramic pipes 10 meters in dia. over
D	Shunting station area	surface graded		12 tracks scheduled rails and switches already placed on
E	New Salkova railroad station	projected		Grading work complete
F	Area for new freight station	projected		Grading work complete Seven tracks scheduled Ties, rails and switches already placed on
G	Viaduct	completed	7 meters long 4.2 meters high	Ceramic structure

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